

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Télécommunications Division  
Carrier Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-16882**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

RESOLUTION T-16882 SBC California (U-1001-C), Requests Authority to Grandfather B&D Channel Packet Equipment.

By Advice Letter No. 25445, Filed On September 3, 2004.

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**Summary**

This Executive Director Action Resolution authorizes SBC California (SBC) to grandfather B&D (B channels are used for voice or circuit switched data up to 64 kbps. D channel is used to carry signaling information for the B channels plus packet switched data.) Channel Packet equipment. B&D Channel equipment manufacturing has been discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available. SBC will submit a separate filing to request the withdrawal of this service effective December 31, 2006 only if the remaining customers discontinue this service by this date.

**Background**

By Advice Letter (AL) No. 25445, filed on September 3, 2004, SBC requests authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, A5, A9, and A18.

B&D Channel Packet is an optional feature to Basic Rate Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) and Primary Rate ISDN. The Packet Switch Network (PSN) is designed to provide economical, usage-sensitive data transport for a variety of interactive (or bursty) data applications over ordinary telephone lines. Customers gain access to the PSN through Dial Access, Dedicated Access and ISDN Access. The current 115 customers who subscribe to the B&D Channel Packet have been notified by SBC of the grandfathering.

**Notice/Protests**

Notice of AL No. 25445 has been published in the September 7<sup>th</sup> daily calendar. SBC states that copies of AL No. 25445 have been mailed to interested utilities and/or parties. No protest to this AL has been received.

## **Discussion**

This Executive Director Action Resolution authorizes SBC California (SBC) to grandfather B&D Channel Packet equipment. B&D Channel equipment manufacturing has been discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available. SBC will submit a separate filing to request the withdrawal of this service effective December 31, 2006, only if there are no grandfathered B&D channel packet equipment customers remaining at that time.

Telecommunications Division (TD) has reviewed SBC's AL No. 25445. TD concludes that SBC's request for authority to grandfather B&D Channel Packet is reasonable due to manufacturer discontinuance of replacement parts. And therefore, should be approved under Resolution No. T-9598, which authorizes the Executive Director to grant authority to freeze or limit communications utility services, if necessary, when equipment has been discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available.

Commission approval is based on the specifics of the Advice Letter and does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings or for Commission approval of similar requests.

## **Findings**

1. SBC requests authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, A5, A9, and A18 to grandfather B&D Channel Packet effective October 12, 2004 because B&D Channel equipment manufacturing has been discontinued and replacement parts are no longer available.
2. After reviewing AL No. 25445, TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.

## **THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. SBC California is granted authority to revise Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, A5, A9, and A18 to grandfather B&D Channel Packet effective October 12, 2004.
2. AL No. 25445 of SBC California and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized by California Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. T- 16882 and its effective date of October 12, 2004.

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SBC AL 25445 / BDA

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by Executive Action Resolution on  
September 29, 2004

/s / STEVE LARSON

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STEVE LARSON  
Executive Director